

**WPRA Board of Meeting Minutes
Teleconference Call
9/11/2018**

In Attendance: Doreen Wintermute, Jerri Mann, Heidi Schmidt, Margo Ransom, Patti McCutchen, Eileen Lang-Kramme, Chris Powers, Lois Ferguson, Dillon McPherson, Melanie Luark, Patti Roberts, Marlene McRae, Stacey Freitas, Toni Karr, and Julie Herman. Dana Eismeier and Janet Cropper

Not in Attendance: Cindy Gillespie

1. WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute calls the meeting to order.

2. Review of Alleged Major Rule Violation: Alleged violation of rule 9.3.3 and 9.3.6 both involving behavior involving recklessly, knowingly and willfully causing trouble, excessive complaining, harassment, etc.

Hearing. Board discussion.

Motion by: I move that we drop the alleged violation and issue a stern letter warning the member to watch her behavior when at rodeos.

2nd by

14 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

3. Prairie Circuit & World Finals Cardholder Race Conflict: WPRA Chief Operating Officer, Janet Cropper explained that there is a conflict between the 2018 Prairie Circuit finals and the 2018 World Finals Cardholder race based on the current World Finals schedule.

An option was presented that would allow a special section at 7:30 AM each day that the cardholder race takes place for Prairie Circuit finalists.

All agreed.

4. American Update: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute explained that a joint press release was being developed between the two (2) organizations.

5. PRCA Update: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute provided an update explaining that the PRCA is agreeable to taking WPRA Ladies Breakaway and Junior entries that are part of the current rodeo pilot. They have to work out details and how to connect this new category between systems, i.e. ProCom, Secretary System, etc. Conversation have been positive.

6. Committee Update

Roping Committee Update: Roping Committee Chair, Patti McCutchen discussed the status of Breakaway with ProCom, activities with The American, the Roping Committee's recommendation to provide awards in those circuits where there is a Breakaway Finals, sponsorship in the Rope for the Crown event in Las Vegas, coming up with membership growth goals for roping, experience with cattle being provided at rodeos having Breakaway and how Breakaway at rodeos has helped fuel overall membership growth.

Rules Committee Update: Rules Committee Chair, Heidi Schmidt discussed the recommendation to start taking rule proposals all year round to allow more time for dialog with the Board regarding members' proposals. No objection. The Chair and the office has been asked to come up with a policy and procedures.

Rodeo Competition Committee Update: Rodeo Competition Committee Chair, Lois Ferguson requested that it be standard practice to include the Circuit Director on review communication strings when one of their circuit member's issues are being reviewed. No objections.

PESI Committee Update: PESI Committee Chair, Julie Herman reviewed the report from the committee's last major meeting. This included: adding three (3) more futurities to the 2019 schedule- Glenwood, Chowchilla and Texas Extreme Barrel Classic Futurity. Also covered PESI event selection criteria, requested support on communications and the introduction of a PESI Stallion Auction for the 2019 season as a good fit for the program. Dialog. No objections.

Equine Medications & Prohibited Substances Update: Discussion as to whether the program testing budget should be increased each year, what does transparency mean regarding testing, length of USEF agreement for testing Nothing was finalized. More discussion needed.

7. 2019 Rule Proposals Additional Discussions

Changing Timing to 1/1000th of a Second: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute provided input from a meeting that she and Ms. Cropper had with a group of secretaries, timers and score board providers. They started a preliminary list of items to consider for implementation.

Motion by Futurity Director Marlene McRae: I move that the Board rescind their prior motion and conclude to implement the timing rule(s) from 1/100th to 1/1000th of second for 2019. Instead target 2020 and use 2019 to work out implementation.

2nd by Wilderness Director, Julie Herman

15 Yes votes/0 No votes

Motion passes.

Changing Hand Time Rule: Board discussion about many factors that affect hand times and whether this is the right time to change the rule.

Motion by Futurity Director, Marlene McRae: I move that the Board rescind their prior motion and conclusion about the timing for changing this rule. Use 2019 to investigate rounding methodology and other options for 2020, in tandem with changing timing to 1/1000th of a second

2nd by Great Lakes Director, Margo Ransom

14 Yes votes/0 No votes.

Motion passes.

Elimination of the Futurity/Derby Director Decision: Futurity Director Marlene McRae reminded the Board that they previously voted to eliminate the Futurity/Derby Director position for 2019. Ms. McRae reviewed the recommendation. Ms. McRae went over what the Circuit Directors will need to do going forward. The decision will be reflected in the rule book changes for 2019.

8. Miscellaneous: WPRA President, Doreen Wintermute would like the Board to find out how many WPRA “eyes” are in each circuit between current, past Directors and anyone else who may have a WPRA eye.

Meeting adjourned.